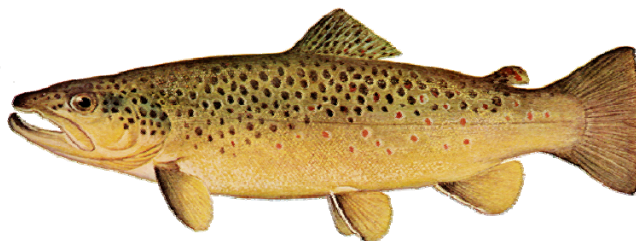


FISHING REPORT -

Updates, Notes & Reminders 2/28/2013



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INLAND UPDATE

SPRING TROUT STOCKING HAS BEGUN– DEEP Inland Fisheries staff began the 2013 spring trout stockings this week. Among the areas scheduled to be stocked sometime in the next two weeks are many of the state's Trout Management Areas (TMA's). Note that early spring stockings are very dependent on weather and site conditions.

NOTES & NOTICES:

2013 CT ANGLER'S GUIDES - The full print version 2013 CT Angler's Guide will be published and distributed in early April. An electronic version of the 2012 Guide continues to be available online at www.ct.gov/deep/anglersguide. ***There are no new regulations in effect for the 2013 season at this time, all regulations found in the 2012 guide remain in effect.***

FISHING SEASONS- Anglers are reminded that the fishing season will close after today (Thursday, February 28th) on many rivers and streams and at a number of lakes & ponds. (*Please refer to the CT Angler's Guide for complete regulations*). **All sixteen of the state's Trout Management Areas remain open year round** (and all are catch-and-release fishing during the winter and early spring). Class I Wild Trout Management Areas (WTMA) are also open year-round for catch-and-release fishing.

DIDYMO REMINDER

Farmington River anglers are reminded that the invasive freshwater alga, *Didymosphenia geminata*, known as "didymo" or "rock snot", has been found in Connecticut in the West Branch Farmington River. This remains the only report of didymo in Connecticut.

Didymo is typically found in cold, shallow streams with rocky substrate. The microscopic didymo cell produces a stalk to attach to the substrate. Under ideal conditions, blooms of didymo can form thick mats of stalk material that feel like wet wool and are typically gray, white and/or brown, but never green in color. These mats form on the bottoms of rivers and streams, and if dense may have negative impacts on the ecological, recreational and aesthetic values of rivers with suitable habitat (cold, rocky, well-lit areas).

Anglers, kayakers and canoeists, boaters and jet skiers can all unknowingly spread didymo. The microscopic cells can cling to fishing gear, waders (felt soles can be especially problematic), boots and boats, and remain viable for months under even slightly moist conditions.

For more information on didymo and other invasive species and precautions to take to prevent their spread, visit www.ct.gov/deep/invasivespecies.

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